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In re: Bradford C. Webb
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For: SYNTHETIC VISCOELASTIC MATERIAL FOR OPHTHALMIC APPLICATIONS

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)

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Sir:

I, Bradford C. Webb, declare that:

1. I am a citizen of the United States of America and reside at 1187 Coast Village Road, No. 501, Santa Barbara, CA 93108. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,422,376 (hereinafter called "Patent") and in the above-identified reissue application ("this application"). As such, I previously submitted, with respect to this application, my declaration dated August 15, 1997, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "prior declaration"). With the exception of my current residence address stated above and an incorrect reference to claims 30-33 (the correct reference would have been to claims 27-30), I hereby reaffirm the contents of my prior declaration including the portions thereof identifying with particularity the errors which constitute the basis for this reissue application.

2. I have reviewed and understand the scope of the claims being proposed in an amendment that I understand will be submitted with this declaration, a copy of which claims is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

3. Claims 1-30 attached hereto have been amended to require that the hydroxypropylmethylcellulose solution be "free of harmful particulate matter and gels greater than 0.5µm in diameter..."

4. Claims 31-56 correspond to originally issued 26 claims of the Patent.

5. Claims 57 and 58 do not contain the 0.5µm limitation, but instead are limited to blended material corresponding to dependent claims 6 and 10 of the originally issued Patent.

6. I understand that claims 1-30 and 57-58 have been crafted to address the errors identified in my prior declaration. However, to the extent that the amendments discussed above address any errors not covered by my prior declaration, I hereby confirm that any such errors are believed to have arisen without any deceptive intent on the part of the applicant.

I, the undersigned, declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Executed this 4 day of April, 2004



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